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SUBJECT: US-USSR TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT: MARITIME
TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP - PANEL 4 - (05.05.04) - VISIT OF
USSR DEL ABOARD MORMACSTAR

1. REQUEST SCIOFF PLEASE PASS MESSAGE IN PARA. 2 BELOW
FROM PITKIN, MARAD/DOC, TO MESSRS. DUBCHAK, BABYNIN AND
ATSEROV, MIN MERCHANT MARINE, COPY TO ISHCHENKO, SCST.

2. PLANS ARE PROCEEDING WITH THE TRIP OF MORMACSTAR TO
USSR. WHEATLEY, MARAD/DOC, RECEIVED JULY 24 TELEX FROM
MORFLOT GIVING FOLLOWING NAMES OF USSR DEL TO VISIT SHIP:
PANIN, DRANITSYN, YAKUSHENKOV, STSHEGOLEV, VERSHKOV, ZILIN,
KISELEV, AND PONOMAREV. MORMACSTAR DEPARTED U.S.
GULF COAST JUNE 27 WITH JULY 17 EDA IN ODESSA. WE ESTIMATE
A 14-DAY DISCHARGE (IN PORT) TIME. IF CHANGE IN VESSEL
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DESTINATION FROM LENINGRAD TO ODESSA ALTERS MEMBERSHIP

OF USSR DEL, PLEASE ADVISE ME IMMEDIATELY. SHIP CAPTAIN
P. GIACHETTI HAS BEEN ADVISED OF INTENDED SOVIET VISIT.
WHEN DETERMINED, THE DATE OF THE DELEGATION VISIT TO VESSEL
SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO SHIP CAPTAIN VIA VESSEL AGENT TO
ENSURE SYSTEM READINESS AND APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL AVAILABLE.
PARA. MARITIME SATELLITE (MARISAT) SYSTEM WILL BE
OPERATIONAL ON JULY 1, 1976, AND MORMACSTAR SHIPBOARD

SYSTEM HAS BEEN COMMISSIONED (INSTALLED). IN VIEW OF
EARLIER THAN ANTICIPATED DEPARTURE OF VESSEL, FINAL
CHECKOUT OF TEST PROGRAM WITH SHIPPING COMPANY NOT
COMPLETED AT DOCKSIDE, BUT WE EXPECT THESE TESTS TO BE
COMPLETED DURING SHIP TRANSIT. TEST PROGRAM WILL INVOLVE
DAILY REPORTING, I.E., LIMITED FACSIMILE TRANSMISSIONS
AND RECEPTIONS, TWO WAY VOICE CONTACT, AND TELETYPE OF
MAIN VESSEL, CARGO, AND WEATHER DATA TO SHIPOWNERS VIA
EXPERIMENTAL MARITIME CONTROL CENTER, NATIONAL MARITIME
RESEARCH CENTER, NEW YORK. PARA. MARAD IS CURRENTLY
CONSIDERING REQUESTING COMSAT CONTRACT REPRESENTATIVES
TO BE PRESENT DURING SHIPBOARD DEMONSTRATIONS AT TIME
OF USSR DEL VISIT IN ODESSA TO PROVIDE DETAILED
TECHNICAL DATA. IF YOU CONSIDER COMSAT PRESENCE HELPFUL,
PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST SO THAT THEIR REPRESENTATIVES

CAN BE INFORMED OF VISIT DATE ON TIMELY BASIS.
3. SLUG REPLY SOONEST ALLEN, DOT, TPI-42, AND PITKIN,
MARAD/DOC, ASAP. KISSINGER

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